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SUBJECT: WEU ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE VISIT TO U.S.

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1. AS STATED REFTEL FOLLOWING IS FURTHER PRESS GUIDANCE  
DEVELOPED FOR USE NOON PRESS BRIEFING FEBRUARY 17 BUT NOT  
USED AS SUBJECT NOT RAISED:

Q: A CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT,  
JULIAN CRITCHLEY, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN  
EUROPEA UNION'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE, SAYS THE COMMITTEE'S  
VISIT IN MARCH TO THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN CUT BACK  
BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE  
GROUP WILL INCLUDE SOME COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARIANS.  
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IS HIS INTERPRETATION CORRECT?

A: YES. IN VIEW OF THE PARTICIPATION OF SOME COMMUNIST  
PARLIAMENTARIANS ON THE COMMITTEE AND BECAUSE OF CERTAIN  
DEFENSE CONSIDERATIONS WE PROPOSED A PROGRAM WHICH IS  
SOMEWHAT SHORTER AND CONSEQUENTLY REDUCED IN SUBSTANCE  
THAN THE PROGRAM ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

THE PROGRAM, HOWEVER, WILL INCLUDE BOTH MEETINGS IN

AND TRIPS TO OTHER POINTS IN THE U.S. I DON'T HAVE THE  
DETAILS ON THAT. THEY ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT.

WE HAVE HOSTED ANNUAL VISITS BY VARIOUS WEU ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEES IN THE PAST. WE WELCOME THEM. WE BELIEVE  
SUCH TRIPS TO BE USEFUL FOR THE ASSEMBLY -- THE  
UNITED STATES IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE WEU ASSEMBLY --  
AND FOR THE U.S.

Q: WHO DETERMINES THE ASSEMBLY'S MEMBERSHIP?

A: MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSEMBLY IS A MATTER FOR DECISION  
BY THE SEVEN PARLIAMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE  
MEMBERS OF THE WEU.

Q: DOES THIS CURTAILED PROGRAM DUE TO COMMUNIST REPRE-  
SENTATION ON THE COMMITTEE REFLECT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S  
ATTITUDE TOWARD "EUROCOMMUNISM" IN GENERAL?  
IT SUGGESTS A CERTAIN HESITANCY IN ACCEPTING WESTERN  
COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARIANS ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH OTHER  
WESTERN PARLIAMENTARIANS.

A: I WOULD DRAW NO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S  
ATTITUDE TOWARD "EUROCOMMUNISM" FROM THIS SITUATION. IN  
LIGHT OF THE COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION AND SOME DEFENSE  
CONSIDERATIONS, AS I HAVE SAID, IT SIMPLY SEEMED PURDENT  
IN THIS CASE TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AND  
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THOSE CHANGES TENDED TO SHORTEN THE OVERALL PROGRAM AS  
ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON ABOVE IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA  
INQUIRIES.  
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